

Abstract

Title of dissertation

Comparison of selected physiotherapeutic terms

Objectives of the dissertation

The objective of this dissertation is to emphasize the disunity of terminology in the field of physiotherapy used in clinic practice. This has been done by comparing the already known definitions of selected terms by different authors. The questionnaire method is used in order to show the absence of a monolingual physiotherapeutic dictionary as well as other possible issues concerning terminology in this field.

Methods

In order to deal with the issues associated with physiotherapeutic terminology I have used information found in professional literature, observations of authors and my own, which has led to a synthesized comparative study of different terms. Moreover, questionnaires (see appendix) have been distributed to different specialised departments in the Czech Republic. Questionnaires have been given to both physiotherapists as well as to first year students of physiotherapy in order to be able to compare opinions regarding this issue. Evaluation of the questionnaires has been performed by means of a graphic method and a written commentary.

Results

The obtained information and observations of authors have mostly been processed by means of comparison of given terms. Questionnaires concerning physiotherapeutic terminology that have been processed and the results have been plotted into round graphs in order to ease comprehension and have also been commented on. The comparative method has shown disunity and discrepancies in the definitions given by different authors. Furthermore the absence of a monolingual dictionary in Czech and the need for its compilation has been proven. These facts have been proven by the questionnaire method.

The dissertation contains chapters focused on the history of dictionaries, ways dictionaries are compiled, lexicology, the history of medical terminology, ways of data capture, definitions of given terms from different authors and their analysis.

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